

**City of Westminster City Council Study Session
June 19, 2006**

Mayor McNally called the Study Session to order at 6:41 PM. All Council was in attendance.

City Staff in attendance included: City Manager Brent McFall; Assistant City Manager Steve Smithers; City Attorney Marty McCullough; Assistant to the City Manager Barbara Opie; Public Information Specialist Joe Reid; Management Intern Aric Otzelberger; City Engineer Dave Downing; Facilities Manager Jerry Cinkosky; Accounting Manager Cherie Sanchez; and Administrative Secretary Melissa Salazar.

The guests in attendance were Evie Hemphill with the Westminster Window, City Lobbyists Danny Tomlinson, Bob Ferm & Erin Silver of Tomlinson & Associates; Carol Poole; Jonathan Bartsh of CDR Associates.

Legislative Lobbyist Update

Danny Tomlinson and his staff were present to give Council a legislative update.

No action was necessary; this was an informative update only.

US 36 EIS Update

Steve Smithers and Jonathan Bartsh provided an update on where the EIS process stands and what the next steps are. The US 36 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) work has been ongoing for over three years. Five alternatives for the corridor have been studied in great detail. The US 36 Mayors and Commissioners' Coalition (MCC) has been working intently to move the process forward to allow the greatly needed transportation improvements to proceed. It was recently announced by the US 36 EIS Executive Committee, which consists of CDOT, RTD and the Federal Transportation agencies that the timeframe for identifying a single preferred alternative will be moved up to the summer of 2006. Another recent development is that the Federal Agencies have determined that the commuter rail portion of the EIS will be separated and dealt with independently.

Two alternatives remain on the table currently for consideration: "Package Two" that includes Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Express Toll lanes and "Package Four" that includes additional general purpose lanes, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and BRT.

Council wanted Mayor McNally to convey at the next US 36 meeting that they are against the proposed tolling as currently configured.

This was a review and discussion for Council only. No action was required.

Proposed FY 2005 Carryover Fund Appropriation into FY 2006

The City Council annually reviews and appropriates carryover funds from the previous year's budget into the current year budget for the following:

- those items and services included in the previous year's budget but not received or provided until the current year's budget;
- new items and services not included in the previous year's budget and funds were identified as available for these new priorities in late 2005, but the items or services were not received or provided until the current year's budget;
- budget incentive funds into various departments' budgets based on savings from the prior year; and

- existing or new capital projects and key operating priorities for which funds are needed and carryover funds are available.

The total funding of \$26,054,592 for the items recommended in this memo comes from unrestricted revenues and unexpended 2005 funds in the various dollars identified.

Council has concurred with Staff's recommendation to bring back an ordinance appropriating FY2005 carryover funds in the FY2006 budgets of the General, General Capital Outlay Replacement, General Capital Improvement, Utility, Storm Drainage, and Open Space Funds.

Mayor McNally adjourned the Study Session at 8:50 PM.